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Electricity

AES' Gas-fired Alamos Plant in California Shuts 1,324 MW February 8

The power plant has shut three units for unplanned maintenance. Since a 335 MW unit was shut earlier for planned work, 1,660 of Alamos' 2,125 MW capacity is now shut.
Reuters, 21:23 February 8, 2006.

Update: New Orleans Customers Still Without Electricity and Gas

See Washington Post Front Page Story on Big Easy, February 9, 2006 for detailed graphics not available in on-line edition.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/08/AR2006020802401.html?nav=rss_business

Update: Proposed Power Line Could Test New Eminent Domain Law

American Electric Power's proposed 550-mile power line to bring surplus electricity from coal-fired plants in Appalachia and the Midwest to the eastern seaboard could test a new law which allows federal regulators to use the power of eminent domain to override states that don't approve a transmission line that has demonstrated interstate interest.

<http://www.adn.com/24hour/healthscience/story/3140783p-11849316c.html>

Petroleum

Petroecuador Suspends Oil Exports Amid Protest on February 7

Petroecuador suspended oil exports on February 7 after protesters stormed a pumping station and demanded the government quit trade talks with the United States. The company also shut down its 380,000 b/d Sotomayor Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline. The U.S. imported 245,000 b/d from Ecuador in 2004.

<http://today.reuters.com/business/newsarticle.aspx?type=tnBusinessNews&storyID=nN07254155&imageid=&cap=www.eia.doe.gov>

Update: Suez Canal Reopens to Shipping Late February 8

Reuters, 03:53 February 9, 2006.

Enbridge to Increase Size of Southern Access Crude Oil Pipeline

A plan to increase the diameter of the Southern Access Expansion from 30-inches to 36-inches was announced by Enbridge Inc. and Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. February 9. The plan, set for completion in early 2009, will add 400,000 b/d of additional heavy crude capacity to the pipeline which runs from Hardisty, Alberta to Flanagan, Illinois, near Chicago.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060209/20060209005210.html?v=1>

Update on Hurricane Recovery: Oil and Gas Production May Recover in a Year

According to the director of MMS, oil and natural gas production in the U.S. Gulf Coast will probably return to levels it reached before last summer's hurricanes within a year, and exceed those levels within 18 months.
Reuters, 12:04 February 9, 2006.

Natural Gas

Florida Gas Transmission Issues Overage Alert Due to Cold Weather February 9

Florida Gas Transmission on Thursday issued an overage alert due to low linepack and cold weather forecast for the state, the company said in a Web site posting.
Reuters, 12:07 February 9, 2006.

Guardian Pipeline to Build 106-Mile Expansion in Eastern Wisconsin

In an effort to expand natural gas transportation capacity in eastern Wisconsin, Guardian Pipeline LLC and two major Wisconsin utility companies have signed agreements for pipeline expansion. The project is expected to be in service by November 2008.

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Open Season Announced for Enbridge's Pipeline from Texas to Mississippi

A proposed 330-mile long, 36-inch natural gas pipeline will be the subject of Enbridge Inc.'s upcoming nonbinding open season. The pipeline will transport up to 1 Bcf/d of natural gas from Southeast Texas to Clarke County, Mississippi.

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TransCanada Seeks to Expand California Gas Pipeline

TransCanada Corp. is seeking authorization to expand its gas pipeline in southern California to import fuel from liquefied-natural-gas terminals in Mexico.
Bloomberg News, 12:39 February 9, 2006.

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Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices February 9, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	62.66	64.60	45.45
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.55	8.71	6.20

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Statoil Says Two Norway Oil and Gas Fields Shut for Repairs

Reuters, 06:35 February 9, 2006.

New York State PSC Approves Electric System Reliability Rules for State

http://www.bizjournals.com/industries/energy/electric_utilities/2006/02/06/albany_daily38.html

Delaware Considers deregulating Electricity Industry

<http://www.energycentral.com/>

Portland General Electric's 556 MW Boardman Coal-fired Unit in Oregon Still Shut

Reuters, 12:03 February 9, 2006.

Bush's Nuclear Reprocessing Plan May Cost \$20 - \$40 Billion According to Bodman

Bloomberg News, 14:12 February 9, 2006.

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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